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THE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN

Steady and encouraging progress is reported in the seminary's campaign to raise $250,000 for its much needed new library. An additional $100,000 has been promised if that amount is secured by October 1, 1951.

A widespread interest in this undertaking has been manifested throughout the five supporting synods and, although very few large gifts have been received, the number of individual contributors is highly gratifying. As of January 15, a little more than $150,000 had been raised. This means that the effort is within striking distance of its goal, but leaves much hard work to be done within the less than nine months which remain.

The seminary appeals to the entire membership of its five supporting synods for aid. Although no quotas have been fixed, it is suggested that an average of $1.25 per member for each Presbyterian in these synods will be necessary if the campaign is to be successful. This amount should be within the reach of all. Some churches are writing their contribution into their budgets for the coming year and will raise the necessary amount through the approaching Every Member Canvass. Others are organizing committees which will conduct a special solicitation in behalf of this cause. In many instances, there will be some unallocated benevolent funds available at the end of the Church Year which can be designated as a further contribution to the Library Fund.

Any or all of these methods are acceptable. We only ask that each congregation adopt the method most appropriate to its situation, and help to the limit of its ability. This undertaking is vital to the welfare of the Church, and *must not* fail.

MR. HAROLD B. PRINCE BECOMES LIBRARIAN

On January 1, 1951, Mr. Harold B. Prince assumed the office of Head Librarian at Columbia Seminary to which he had been chosen several months previously. He is well qualified for his

new work both by native ability and by training.

Mr. Prince is a native of Easley, S. C., and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, in which institution he also earned his M.A. in English Literature. After teaching at Edmunds High School, Sumter, S. C., for one year, he entered the Army Air Force and served with distinction overseas, being discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain. After several years of employment with Eastin Pictures, Inc., in Chattanooga, Tenn., he entered Emory University where he has recently completed requirements for the degree, Master of Librarianship. During the latter part of that course, he took work designed to prepare him specifically for service in a theological library.

Mr. Prince comes of a distinguished Presbyterian family and has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since his boyhood in Easley. While a student at the University of South Carolina, he was active in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and in other forms of religious service. He is at present a faithful member of the Emory Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. He comes to his new work at a time when he will have a particular opportunity to help in planning for the new library building and to assist in developing this department of the seminary's life to a maximum of usefulness both to the student body and to the Church as a whole. Mrs. Julia D. Anderson, who has served so faithfully as librarian for a number of years, will continue to be associated with him in the work.

RAPID GROWTH OF STUDENT BODY
44 to 200

One of the most encouraging religious signs of our times is the great increase in the number of candidates for the ministry which has occurred within the last several years. This increase has been general throughout Protestantism as well as in our own Church. All four of the theological seminaries of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., report record enrollments this year, but the

growth at Columbia Seminary has been particularly striking and encouraging.

The following figures showing the growth of the seminary during the past fifteen years are both interesting and significant. In 1935, the seminary reported an enrollment of only 44 students. During the next five years, there was a growth of approximately 50% in the student body, and the enrollment for the year 1940 was 65. The enrollment then remained virtually stationary for a five-year period, and in 1945 there were 66 students. In 1946, there was a small increase with a student body of 87, but in 1947 that number had decreased to 83. In the following year, a rapid growth began so that in a period of four years the size of the student body has been more than doubled. The growth of those years is eloquently shown by the figures below:

1947	83
1948	103
1949	120
1950	164
1951	193

(7 additional students are to matriculate on March 6, 1951.)

According to statistics compiled recently by one of our Church papers, the enrollment of 193 students at Columbia Seminary makes this institution the largest seminary of our Church at the present time. God has richly blessed our Church by greatly increasing the number of candidates for the ministry at a time when there is an urgent need for recruits both in the pastorates of churches at home and in mission fields. The Church which had prayed for this increase has not prepared to provide adequately for the welfare of the men whom God has raised up. This large growth in the student body of Columbia Seminary makes the erection of its new library, which has been greatly needed for years, a matter of urgent and immediate necessity. The seminary also needs additional funds for the provision of scholarships, and just as rapidly as possible, the endowment of the institution should be increased so that its teaching force may be enlarged to meet the needs of the increasing student body.

PLANS FOR MINISTER'S WEEK

Minister's Week for the present year at Columbia Seminary will be held May 21-26, 1951. The Smyth Lectures will be delivered at that time by Dr. Donald W. Richardson, Professor-Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. Dr. Richardson's subject will be "Christianity and Other Religions". The title of the six individual lectures delivered upon that theme will be:

1. "Religion and Human Needs"
2. "The Universality of Religion"
3. "The Nature of Religion"
4. "Christianity and Other Religions"
5. "The Christian Attitude Toward Other Religions"
6. "Christianity and Human Needs"

Another feature of the week will be the delivery of a series of Bible Expositions by Dr. J. B. Green, Professor-Emeritus of Columbia Theological Seminary and also a former Moderator of our General Assembly. Dr. Green has announced that his messages during this period will be based upon the Book of Exodus.

The annual Rural Pastor's Conference will again be held during the week devoted to these special lecturers. Dr. Henry S. Randolph, Secretary of Rural Church Work for the National Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., has been invited to deliver a series of addresses directed especially to the problems of rural churches, and a number of discussion periods will be arranged for this group of ministers.

The annual luncheon and business meeting of the Alumni Association of Columbia Seminary will be held on Tuesday, May 22. Commencement Exercises will be held May 27-28.

AWARDS FOR GRADUATE STUDY

The Faculty of Columbia Seminary is pleased to announce the awards recently made to seven Seniors of the institution in recognition of their distinguished records as students.

Mr. William Thurman of Decatur, Ga., and Mr. Harold Minor of Atlanta, Ga., have been elected

as winners of Bryan Fellowships. Both of these men are veterans of World War II and both are honor graduates of Emory University, where both were elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Thurman has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Jefferson, Ga., and Mr. Minor is pastor-elect of the Smyrna Presbyterian Church in Atlanta Presbytery.

Alumni Fellowships have been awarded to Mr. Ismael Andrade of Recife, Brazil, a graduate of King College; Mr. George W. Long, Jr., of Southside, West Virginia, a graduate of Wheaton College; Mr. Charles L. Moffatt of Johnson City, Tenn., a graduate of Erskine College; and Mr. David R. Moorefield of Lancaster, S. C., a graduate of Presbyterian College. Both Mr. Long and Mr. Moffatt are veterans of World War II. Mr. Long will become pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Chickamauga, Ga., upon his graduation, while Mr. Andrade expects to return to his native Brazil as a teacher in the Presbyterian Seminary of the North at Recife. Mr. Moffatt and Mr. Moorefield have not yet announced their plans for the coming year. The stipends of the Bryan and Alumni Fellowships will be available at any time within the next five years for graduate study at any recognized theological school of America or Europe.

Mr. Albert G. Harris, Jr., of Macon, Ga., has been elected to a teaching fellowship in the Department of Systematic Theology at Columbia Seminary. Mr. Harris is also a veteran of World War II and an honor graduate of Davidson College, where he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He is the son of Dr. Albert Grady Harris, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Macon. Mr. Harris will pursue graduate studies in Theology at this institution while serving as assistant to Professor Felix B. Gear in that Department of the seminary's work.